

**UUCWI BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APPROVED APRIL 5, 2007 MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:** Kit K., Toyon C., Sandy W., Frank A., Mary G., Kathleen B., and Dave C. Tom B. was absent. Visitors were Lois C. and Joan G.

**INTRODUCTION**

Toyan called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Frank lighted the chalice and read inspirational words. Toyon offered an opportunity for members to "check in". Minutes of the previous meeting and executive session, and of the Nov. 11 meeting taken by John A., were approved by consensus.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report showed that a large amount of pledged income, about \$14,700, is still (as of 28 February) unpaid for the year that ends June 30, but the canvass will serve as a reminder.

**MINISTER'S REPORT**

Kit's minister's report had previously been circulated via email.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

A letter has been received from Janine Larson, District Executive, so we can now submit our application to the bank. People's Bank is offering the most attractive terms currently.

Builder's risk insurance is probably required; the cost is TBD.

An electrical loads form is being filled out, as part of the permitting documentation. Building Source is helping.

A single unit system for the heat pump should be sufficient.

The building is 3618 square feet as designed.

Toyan asked if we were ready for a congregational meeting to approve the loan. The answer was, yes. Two weeks notice is required. After discussion, it was decided to ask for both loan approval and building commencement at the annual meeting.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

A decision was reached to change the meeting from June 10 to **May 27** at 5:30 pm. Inputs for distribution (including the building plans and budget from the building committee and the bank commitment for which approval is being requested) are due to Mavis C. by May 6 so that they can be reproduced and distributed two weeks in advance of the meeting. The election of a new board and nominating committee, and the approval of next year's operating budget, will occur at the same meeting.

**SMALL GROUP MINISTRY**

Joan G. and Lois C. attended the meeting to make a slide presentation and handout on small group ministry and to ask board approval of the amount of Kit's time required to implement this concept. Joan noted that people looking to join a congregation are seeking inspiration and intimacy. The latter is hard for new members here and will get harder as we grow. Lois has seen SGM done in other congregations and has been a group facilitator. Groups are 6 to 10 persons and meet 1 to 2 times per month for 3, 6, or 11 months. Typical meetings are 2 hours. Each group has a trained facilitator and performs a short-term service project in addition to discussions. Signups and flyers in the orders of service are planned this spring, with training by Lois of facilitators during the summer. Meetings would begin in fall. Prospective members as well as members could sign up. Kit would meet with facilitators monthly. Kit noted that SGM would be good for connecting people as the church grows and that she would like to spend time on it.

Mary noted that coordination with the membership committee was needed. It was stated that this program would formally report under Adult Programs, Sally Elder, chair, although it has been developed through Caring Connections. Dave asked about the relationship to "neighborhood support groups" and was informed that these were different.

Dave moved, Frank seconded, and the board unanimously approved the use of Kit's time on this project. The board thanked and encouraged Joan and Lois for their initiative and suggested that Membership, Caring Connections and Adult Education committees all be kept up to speed on its progress.

#### **ADDITIONAL CHAPLAIN**

After Toyan proposed it, the board approved by unanimous consensus the addition of Bill Graves as additional UUCWI Chaplain. Kit and Sally are on board with the proposal.

#### **GA DELEGATES**

Toyan suggested Frank and Dave as delegates for the congregation at GA in Portland in June. Nola and Mavis were suggested as alternates. Mary moved, and Sandy seconded, that these designations be approved, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **CRE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mary noted with concern that the program and staff had been expanding but not the number of kids. She suggested advertising. Kit said that a printed flyer to private schools and preschools could be effective. Mary will follow up. The Langley radio station was mentioned as a place to advertise; Michael Nutt is a contact.

#### **WRAPUP**

The next meeting will begin at 6 pm on May 3. The agenda will include a discussion of working with other groups and a report on the Canvass.

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave C, Board Secretary